

HOUSE No. 1606

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, petition of Robert M. Koczera and Emile J. Goguen relative to disfigurement and permanent functional loss under the workers' compensation law. Labor and Workforce Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DISFIGUREMENT AND PERMANENT FUNCTIONAL LOSS UNDER THE WORKER'S COMPENSATION LAW.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 36 of Chapter 152 of the General Laws, as appearing in
- 2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out sub-
- 3 section (k) and substituting in its place the following paragraph:—
- 4 Subsection (k). For bodily disfigurement, an amount which,
- 5 according to the determination of the member or reviewing board,
- 6 is a proper and equitable compensation, not to exceed fifteen
- 7 thousand dollars; which sum shall be payable in addition to all
- 8 other sums due under this section.